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Dear Pet Lover,



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As you know, Voices for Pets responds to violence against animals. We are the voices for those who cannot seek justice for themselves. We seek to strengthen and enforce laws against animal cruelty, and advocate successful prosecution of those who commit crimes against animals. Voices for Pets educates the public about crimes against animals, and encourages responsible pet guardianship, housing and care.

Every individual has the basic right to be free from the intentional infliction of fear, pain, torture, suffering and death. When this basic right is violated by sadistic, cowardly humans against those who cannot speak for themselves, Voices for Pets responds.

Voices for Pets is an all-volunteer organization. No one is paid for the work we do. Your donations are used to pay for:

- Court records, printing Reward Posters, printing and mailing Petitions, paying for victims' autopsies to be used as evidence at trial, and covering veterinary bills for surviving victims, etc.

Because of your support, we have been able to make a difference in animals' lives and in the way the legal system views and treats the people who abuse them.

Those we speak for are rich only in the many gifts they give us daily: their love, companionship, affection and trust. The work we do on their behalf is one way we try to thank them for enriching our lives.

Only with your continued generous support can we carry on and be the voices for those who cannot speak for themselves. We know that not everyone can send a donation. However, all the other things you do – writing to District Attorneys; attending court hearings; signing petitions; caring for an injured animal – are just as important. But if you can help us continue our work, any donation will be greatly appreciated.

We thank you for adding your voices for those that cannot speak for themselves.

Thank you,

Leroy Moyer - Director

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Dear Pet Lover,

Voices for Pets received a phone call In November 2012 from out of the state of Virginia. The caller said that Todd Powers of Walnut Creek, California had stabbed and killed the family dog, a 10 month old German Shepherd named Seven, with a hunting knife, then put the dog's body in a garbage can. The caller also said Powers had previously killed the family cat named Cricket. The caller was concerned for the safety of Todd's wife and their three children, all under six years of age.

At the time of Seven's killing in April 2012, both Walnut Creek police and animal control were notified, yet, 7 months later in November 2012, there had been no arrest.

I then contacted Power's wife who was in the process of divorce. I asked that she go to the Walnut Creek police and animal control and obtain a copy of the police reports. She did, and both agencies told her that she did not have a right to the reports. I then told her of the California Public Records Act and Victim's Bill of Rights I asked that she go back and make a written request for the documents, and by law, the agencies had ten days to give her copies, or tell her in writing why they would not. On March 16, 2013, 11 months after her dog was killed, the wife made a written request for the records.

When it became evident that she was not going away, three months later on June 12, 2013 and 14 months after her dog was killed, she was given the reports. On July 16, 2013, Todd Powers was arrested and charged with felony cruelty to an animal.

Todd Powers had worked as a bouncer, and calls himself a part time gunsmith. Powers owns an arsenal of guns and other weapons. Since the killing of the family dog, Powers's wife has obtained a divorce and moved to a new location. She has asked that I only refer to her as Jane Doe. She is not only concerned for her own safety and that of her three young children. She does not want her children questioned by other children in their new neighborhood. Jane Doe has told me the following.

“Just after we were married, Todd became angry and slammed my head into the car door. He later apologized. Roughly ten months later we moved to California. His violence increased. Todd became very controlling about where I could go and whom I could see. He became very agitated if I wanted to go out with my friends and indicated that none of my friends were good for me. He began practicing his bouncer moves on me. He would repeatedly take me to the floor, sometimes cutting off my ability to breathe. On one occasion he dislocated my shoulder. He became very controlling about when I would go to sleep, whether I could read a book before I went to sleep, and when I could urinate at night, and I would have to wait until the morning. He continued to control my access to money. He insisted on having full control of my company books. He password protected

them and would not give me access. He began flipping on the lights in the middle of the night, while I was sound asleep, screaming and calling me names. He started bringing weapons to bed, a machete, a shotgun, and handguns also bowie knives. He continued to wake me in the night with violence, on more than one occasion grabbing a loaded gun waving it around.”

In addition she told me their previous dog, Diesel, became very sick. Todd refused to allow her to take him to the vet because he didn't want to pay for care or euthanization. He threatened that if she did take him to the vet he would shoot their dog.

She told me that they had an elderly cat named Cricket, and about two months before Todd stabbed Seven, Cricket had become ill. She insisted that they take Cricket to the vet. She said that later Todd told her that he had poisoned Cricket with sleeping pills, and they didn't work, so he asphyxiated her. She said he would not show her the body, and she has not seen Cricket since.

Todd Powers next court date for killing Seven is August 8, 2013 at 9:00 AM in Courtroom 18, Martinez Superior Court, 1020 Ward Street, Martinez, Contra Costa County. Please be there to show your community interest. It does make a difference.

Also, please contact District Attorney Mark Peterson in writing, via email and/or fax.

Address: 900 Ward Street, Martinez, CA 94553
Email: bspinola@contracostada.org
Fax: 925.464.4683

Be sure to add the defendant's name, Todd Powers, & case 1-162308-1. State that you want your comments attached to the probation report.

Thank you for your support.

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